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Sir:

The above-identified application has been submitted without an executed oath or declaration.

It is respectfully requested that this application be assigned a serial number and awarded a filing date.

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A non-executed copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, containing the inventorship information, is attached. It is respectfully requested that all communications be directed to the firm indicated on the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney, namely:

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Respectfully submitted,

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